

2025-26 Faith Formation Calendar

Date	Parish	K-5	EDGE	9 th	High School Youth Ministry meets Wed.
9/7		Parent Meeting / Catechists Meet & Greet Open House			YG @ OLP
9/14		First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 9:10 a.m.	First Communion Parent Meeting after 10:30 a.m. Mass	Intro to the Bible	YG @ SFX
9/21	Catechetical Sunday			The Early World Confirmation Parent/Candidate Meeting after 10:30 a.m. Mass	Chick-Fil-A on 12 th Street (York Plaza)
9/28	9:45 a.m. Pilgrimage to Cathedral with 11:00 a.m. Mass				YG @ OLP
10/5	Pet Blessing	4 th & 5 th Mass	Net Retreat OLP 10/4	Net Retreat OLP	YG @ SFX
10/12	Adoration			The Patriarchs & Egypt	YG OLP
10/19	Catechists In-Service – No Faith Formation				YG OLP
10/26			Parent Social	Saint Posters	Chick-Fil-A
11/2	Deceased Remembrance			Exodus, Joshua, Judges	YG @ OLP
11/9	Adoration	3 rd & 6 th Mass		November 8 th Confirmation Retreat – Gannon University	YG @ SFX
11/16				The Kingdom	No Meeting
11/23	Christ the King		Parent Social	The Exile, Return & Revolt	NCYC
11/30	1 st Sunday of Advent – Thanksgiving Break – No Faith Formation				YG @ SFX Feast Day
12/7	Rite of Commitment at 10:30 a.m. Mass for All Sacramental years	K & 9 th Mass		Mass Preparation	YG @ OLP
12/14	Christmas Pageant after 10:30 a.m. Mass			Jesus & the Gospels	YG @ OLP
12/21			Parent Social	The Early Church	No Meeting
12/29	Christmas Break – No Faith Formation				
1/4	Epiphany	Safe Environment Training – Epiphany Celebration			
1/11	Adoration	First Reconciliation Prep Begins		Confirmation Prep 1	
1/18	No FF – MLK Day				
1/25		First Holy Communion Prep Begins		Confirmation Prep 2	

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2/1		1 st & 8 th Mass			Confirmation Prep 3
2/8	Adoration				Youth Group
2/15	No FF – Presidents Day				
2/22	1 st Sunday of Lent			Parent Social	Confirmation Prep 4
3/1					Confirmation Prep 5
3/8	Adoration	First Reconciliation Retreat	2 nd & 7 th Mass		Confirmation Prep 6
3/15		Stations of the Cross – Parent Social			Confirmation Retreat
3/22		First Reconciliation			Small Groups
3/29	Palm Sunday				Small Groups
4/5	Easter Sunday – No Faith Formation				
4/12	Adoration	Divine Mercy Sunday Procession			
4/19		First Holy Communion Retreat			Small Groups
4/26		First Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. Mass		Last Day of Faith Formation	Small Groups
5/3	Confirmation Rehearsal following the 10:30 a.m. Mass				
5/15	Confirmation at 7:00 p.m.				

Second Grade: First Reconciliation

Parent Meeting – September 14, 2025 at 9:10 a.m.

Parent/Child Preparation Classes – Jan. 11, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 22, March 1

Parent/Child Retreat – Sunday, March 8th 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. includes 10:30 a.m. Mass & Lunch

First Reconciliation – Sunday, March 22nd following 10:30 a.m. Mass

Third Grade: First Holy Communion

Parent Meeting – September 14, 2025 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Parent/Child Preparation Classes – Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 22, March 1, 8

Parent/Child Retreat – Sunday, April 19, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

First Communion – Sunday, April 26, 2026 – 10:30 a.m. Mass

Confirmation 9th Grade

Parent/Candidate Meeting – Sunday, September 21, 2025 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Confirmation Preparation Classes – 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Jan. 11, 25, Feb. 1, 22, March 1, 8

Confirmation Retreat – Saturday, November 8 (Gannon University) Strongly Encouraged,

Sunday, March 15 (Mandatory), 12 Noon-6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Rehearsal – Sunday, May 3, 2026 following the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Confirmation Day – Friday, May 15, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Grade Masses

Each class will have a Mass in which the students will help with the various and age-appropriate liturgical ministries at the Mass. This is a beautiful witness to our Parish Family and gives the youth a chance to experience different aspects of the Mass.

Kindergarten & 9th – December 7th

1st & 8th – February 1st

2nd & 7th – March 8th

3rd & 6th – November 9th

4th & 5th – October 5th

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Retreats

Retreats are a vital component of our faith life. Jesus himself is noted going off to pray often. We ourselves need to “slow-down” and listen to God’s voice in our hearts. Recognizing how busy everyone is, this year we are asking each family to make a Holy ½ Hour or even a full Hour.

2nd Sundays (October – April) 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This is the ideal day/time as we will also have snacks and resources available to make the day more of a retreat.

If you cannot make Sunday work, signing up during any of these regular times is also an option.

Tuesdays: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

8:00-9:00 p.m. (Praise & Worship Holy Hour),

First Fridays 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

You can sign-up for ½ hour time slots via our website. If the time your family can go is already filled or you’re going to the Thursday Night Holy Hour, please email Irene directly to receive credit. Resources will be made available and at times prayers may be led, which will be announced via the bulletin/email/MyParish App.

This holy time spent with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is a time for Jesus to lead you, and for you to pour out your heart to Him. Young children can make a good Holy Half Hour with direction, so do not fret if they get a little fidgety, and again resources will be made available.

Parent Sessions

The Church has always recognized that Parents are the first and foremost Catechist in their child’s life. At the same time, she (the Church) shoulders this responsibility with the parents and ministers to people of all ages. In striving to support parents more in your role, we are offering opportunities for parents to come together primarily to build friendships and secondarily, if desired, to discuss various topics from a Catholic perspective. For your convenience these sessions are offered during regular Faith Formation times. All parents are welcome.

School Youth Ministry/Small Groups

After Confirmation, High School students are invited to continue their journey in Faith through Small Group gatherings and Youth Ministry. We are collaborating with Our Lady of Peace and St. Jude Parishes to offer a robust Youth Ministry in Erie County that welcomes High School Teens to engage with peers. Youth are invited to attend any or all Youth Ministry Sessions at any of these parishes. Small Groups will be formed both from experiences in Faith Formation and with Youth Ministry. As we build this ministry, we need the support of parents, as potential Small Group Leaders, for feedback, as well as encouraging teens to attend. Any interest, support, suggestions are much appreciated.